

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the 2nd paragraph, lines 8-20, page 39, with the following:

2. In general, the thermoplastic resin film to be applied is formed with a width of 4 to 6 m. Thereafter, the film is slit into strips each with a width of 1 to 2 ~~mm~~ m, and is supplied for the application. Physical properties, including shrinkage in the width direction, differ among the strips of the film. Depending on which parts of the film are used, shrinkage becomes different among the strips of the film in the drying step while the application is being performed. This hinders the strips of the film from running stably. In the case of the in-line coating system, if the application comes before the stretch, this makes it possible to avoid the aforementioned problem which would otherwise occur.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Original) A stretched laminate film with oxygen-gas barrier properties, which is a laminate including a layer (a) formed from a composition of a polycarboxylate-based polymer (A) and a plasticizer (B), a layer (c) containing a divalent metal compound (C) and a layer (b) formed from a thermoplastic resin, wherein the laminate comprises at least one layer forming unit where the layer (a) and the layer (c) are adjacent to each other, wherein, in all of the layer (a) and the layer (c), a chemical equivalent ratio (C_t/A_t) of a total amount (C_t) of the divalent metal compound to a total amount (A_t) of the carboxyl groups is not smaller than 0.2, and wherein the laminate including the layer (a), the layer (b) and the layer (c) is stretched with a surface stretch ratio of 1.1 to 100.